RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe there are more than 3,000 *pattadars* who cultivate cardamom.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know the least extent of land possessed by a *pattadar*?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It may be only a few acres. I cannot give the exact figure.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether the imposition of export duty will be a source of trouble to the cultivators?

PRESIDENT: It is a question of opinion.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): May I know from the member whether Government have expected Rs. 60,000 under export duty on cardamom without fixing the percentage that should be levied?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of levying an export duty is under the consideration of Government. The question whether it should be in the form of an export duty or in some other form has not been decided.

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

156. ❋ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action the Government have taken upon the passing of the Resolutions to abolish the export duty on cocoanut produce?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether export duty is levied for cocoanut products in other cocoanut producing countries?

PRESIDENT: I think that question was asked and answers were given so very often.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member how long this question was under the consideration of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Since the Resolution was passed in this House.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member the period for which it has been under the consideration of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It has been under the consideration of the Government since the Resolution was passed in this House.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether the Government began thinking of it only after the Resolution was passed in this House?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot exactly say when it came to be under the consideration of Government.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it was before or after the Resolution was passed in this House?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It might have been under consideration of Government even before that.

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

157. ❋ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, in pursuance of the Resolution passed in the Assembly, the export duty for the products of the cocoanut tree was abolished;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why it was not done so; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what is the exact amount that the Government would be losing towards the revenue of the State in this direction?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the exact amount that the Government are getting from the export duty of cocoanut products in the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is given in the Statistical Volume.

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

158. ❋ **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have accepted the Resolution passed in the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 28th May 1934 regarding the abolition of the export duty on copra and other cocoanut products;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken by Government for giving effect to the same; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Resolution is under the consideration of Goverment.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the abolition of this duty will better the economic condition of the Travancore cocoanut producers?

PRESIDENT: It is a question of opinion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the amount of export duty actually levied on cocoanut in 1108?

PRESIDENT: That has been answered. The member would do well to refer to the Statistical Volume.

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